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THREE PREP GRIDDERS SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS
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MISSOULA--

Three more prep football players have signed national letters of intent to attend the University of Montana and play football in the fall.

That brings the total number of 1978 freshmen to 15.

The three newest recruits are Myke Miller, a 6-4, 240-pound offensive tackle from Spokane; Rolly Starkey, a 6-3, 185-pound tight end from Richey, Montana; and Reed Madison, a 6-1, 175-pound defensive safety from Butte.

Miller is a student at East Valley High School in Spokane. He is the 1978 state AA heavyweight wrestling champion and a first-team all-conference football selection. Coached by Bob Shill, Myke's East Valley team compiled an 8-1 record last season.

He is a B+ student and intends to major in computer science at UM. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Miller of Spokane.

"We think Myke is an outstanding prospect," assistant coach Gary Ekegren said. "He has good size and quickness and should fit into our offensive scheme very well."

Miller also plans to wrestle for the Grizzlies.

Starkey played for Richey High School, a class C school in Montana. He was named first-team all-state, all-district and all-division last season. He has been selected to play in the annual East-West Shrine football game this August.

Last year Richey went as far as the class C playoffs in football and won the district title in basketball. Starkey was an all-district and all-division basketball choice.

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He intends to major in recreation at UM. His high school coach was Dave Peters.

"Rolly has a lot of ability," assistant coach Ekegren said. "He will have to get accustomed to playing eleven-man football after playing eight-man football in high school. Once he does though, we think he will have a bright future at Montana."

Madison played football, basketball and tennis at Butte Public. He lettered in all three sports and earned first-team all-state and all-Western division honors in class AA football. Coached by Jon McElroy, the Bulldogs won the state football championship in 1977.

Madison is the second player from Butte to join the Grizzlies this year. John Kovacich, also a member of the Butte defensive secondary, joined the Grizzlies earlier. Madison is a B student at Butte High School.

"Reed has excellent potential. We expect him to play a lot of football for us," defensive coordinator Pokey Allen said. "We think we have two outstanding defensive backs from Butte in Reed Madison and John Kovacich."

Madison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Madison of Butte.

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